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AMENDMENT

Please amend the title of the application to "APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING AN OPTICAL INFORMATION MEDIUM."

Please cancel non-elected claims 50 and 51 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1 ~~43~~. (Amended) An apparatus for fabricating an optical information medium, comprising:

means for applying a radiation curable resin to a first substrate, while [a] the first substrate is being rotated, the first substrate having formed therein a stopper for preventing the radiation curable resin from protruding into a center hole [being rotated], wherein the resin is applied to a portion of the first substrate [closer to an outer circumference of] circumferentially outwardly disposed on the first substrate with respect to the stopper, to form a donut-shaped resin layer;

means for placing a second substrate on the first substrate;

means for rotating the first and second substrates integrally; and

means for irradiating the radiation curable resin with radioactive rays passing through at least one of the first and second substrates.

REMARKS

The present Reply is believed fully responsive to the Office Action dated June 22, 1998. Claims 43-51 and 56 are pending in the present application. Claims 50 and 51 are canceled herein, and claim 43 is amended herein. The presently pending claims as amended are believed to be allowable over the prior art and the cited references as set forth in the following. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the previous rejections of the claims are respectfully requested, in view of the following.